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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 57(60)
Blackrock, Pennsylvania
Public/private

1766 (reset 1902)

Milestone No. 57(60), an original monument of 1766, marks Mason and Dixon's 57th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile Mest Line, longest of their survey lines run and marked during their 1763-68 commission to define the boundary between the English provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania. As with all original West Line monuments, No. 57(60) was an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, and measured about 12" square by about 4% long, cut to stand about 3' above ground with a slightly larger rough-cut base for setting into the ground. Straddling the Line, the milestone's decorative features were the Roman capital letters P facing Pennsylvania on the north and M facing Maryland on the south, each V-sunk into plain shallow circle panels near the top. Reset in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, to stand about 1/2' above ground (with the remaining some 3' surrounded below ground by a concrete collar), it is still in very good condition, with all embellishments clear and intact, though with minor chips at the top corners and edges, and noticeable weathering of the top planes. Though now only standing about 8" above ground, it is well protected by the site and the surrounding property owners. On the federal and state levels, it is significant primarily as one of a series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments still standing along the Mest Line, commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 18 original monuments remaining along the present Carroll/York county boundary (3 crownstones; 15 milestones), it is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these two counties.

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

7. Description

Milestone No. 57(60) marks Mason and Dixon's 57th horizontal mile west of the northwest corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original monument, set in 1766, reset in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, and remains in very good condition, unaltered/at its original site, comparatively protected both by the owners of the surrounding property as well as the setting.

The area here is hilly farmland, interspersed with deciduous woods and an occasional small village or town. The site is located on the top of an open, farmed hill, unfenced (though marked by an old fencepost), about 1100' southwest of Blackrock Road at the junction of the Mochhelmer farm lane/ the center of the village of Blackrock/to their farmhouse. It is within Carroll County Election District 6/York County Manheim Township, surrounded by Mochhelmer land.

The milestone was originally quarried and carved in Angland, was an embellished colitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, measuring about 12" square by about 4½ long, but to stand about 5' above ground, with a rough but base for setting into the ground. Its decorative feature was the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk into a plain shallow circle panel near the top of the stone. Reset in 1902 at its original site to stand about 1½, with the below-ground cortion and lar of concrete, this monument remains close to 12" square, with most embellishments clear and intact except for minor chips along the top corners and edges, but/stands only about 8" above ground. The top is quite weatherworn and has a small "+" cut into the apex.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for descriptions of the criginal Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

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8. Significance

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Milestone No 57(60) is significant on the federal and state levels primarily as one of a series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments still standing along their 230.228-mile West Line, commonly known since Civil Mar times as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The site was preliminarily surveyed in 1765 and monument set the following year, where it remains unaltered to this day, although reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Individually, and as one of 18 original monuments still marking the present Carroll/York county boundary (3 crownstones; 15 milestones), No. 57(60) is also significant locally, s one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these two counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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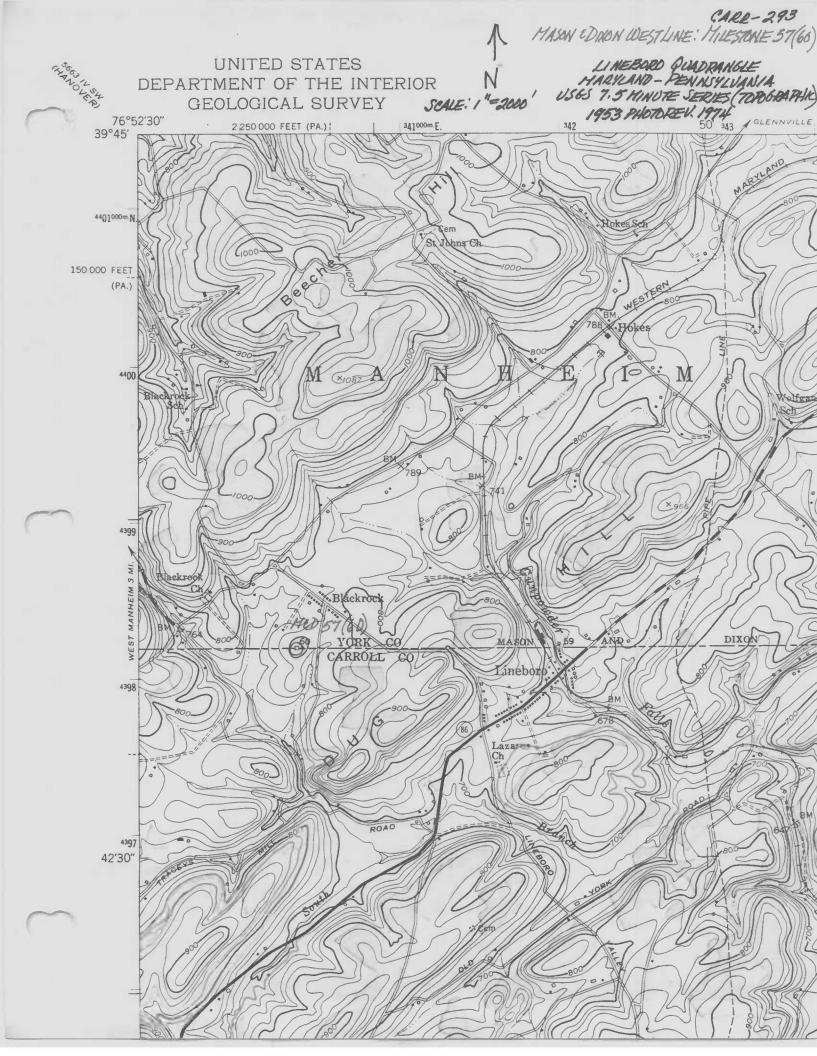
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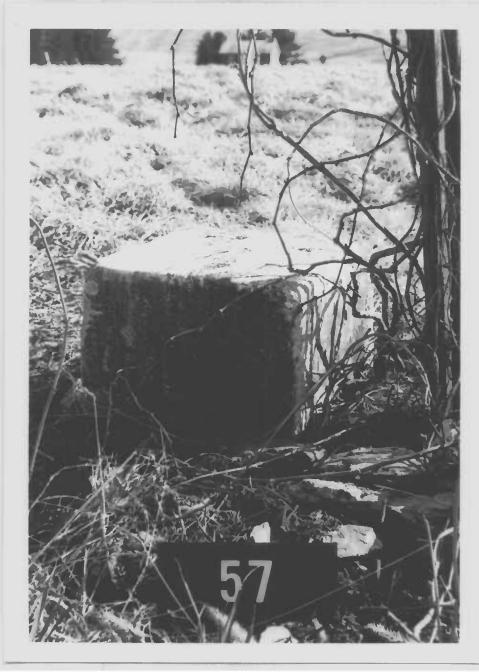
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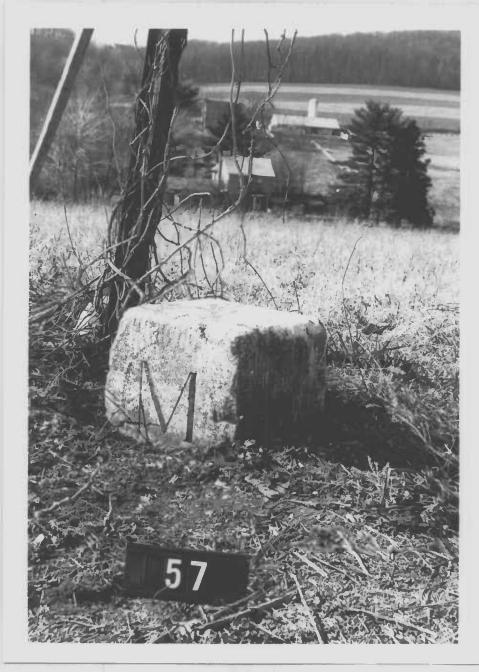




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MASONEDIKON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 57(60)
NW CORNER (P/-)

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MASON EDIKON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 57(6) SE CORNER (M/-)

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